

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2024081-Drainage Pipe Replacements - Willow Slough Bypass - DSID 545

**Project Applicant (if any):** Department of Water Resources

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located at levee mile 4.29 at the following GPS coordinates: 38°35'22.3"N 121°40'50.0"W.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize the replacement of a 24-inch drainpipe, 13.5 feet below the levee crown, through the right (south) bank levee of Willow Slough Bypass. Construction activities consist of removing the existing pipelines and associated inlet and outlet structures; constructing new concrete inlet and outlet headwalls; installing the new pipeline; and backfilling around and under with controlled low strength material (CLSM). The replacements will occur within the original footprint and include a flap gate. Construction activities will require clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation in the work area and involve ground disturbance by heavy equipment and concrete trucks along the levee crown and slopes. All work will be done outside of flood season.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Department of Water Resources

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Additionally, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; and installation of small new equipment in small structures. Lastly, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Responsible Agency

**Date Received for filing at OPR:**

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.